



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

RANGEL-ALDAO *et al.*

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Flavor and Methods of Production
Thereof**

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Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 by Adriana Bravo

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

I, the undersigned, Adriana Bravo, Ph.D., declare and state as follows:

1. I am a co-inventor of the subject matter of U.S. Application No. 10/055,430, filed January 25, 2002 ("the '430 application"), which is referenced above.
2. I hold the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. A copy of my Curriculum Vitae, accurately listing my scientific credentials and work experience, is attached hereto as Exhibit A.
3. I am also Corporate Manager of Chemistry at Cerveceria Polar, C.A., the assignee of the present application.
4. I am also named as an inventor in published European Patent Application No. EP 0 773 285 A2, which was published May 14, 1997.
5. I have read and understood the Office Action issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the '430 application on December 29, 2005.

6. Prior to May 14, 1997, I or others working under my supervision had reduced to practice the invention that is presently claimed in the '430 application.
7. As a person signing below, I hereby declare that all statements made herein of our my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under § 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issue thereupon.

Date

Adriana Bravo, Ph.D.